

## Appointment

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**Required Attendees:** Taylor, Christopher; Beringer, Mike  
**Optional Attendees:** Jay, Michael; Davis, Michael

### Retiring September 2021.

#### RSL Duties:

Focus on the Regional Science Program (RARE (primary), RSTIP, RESES, R2P2...)

- 3-4 additional projects added every FY. Typically 12 active RARE projects, 1 RSTIP.
- ROCsNet once per year. RSLs to attend along with Regional and State reps.
- R2P2 – takes upfront coordination with applications, travel and reports
- RARE – proposal development takes effort. Sometime ORD collaborator needs assistance. Once selected, the Project Plan development is a hurdle.
  - o Biannual reports due
  - o Everything tracked in RSPTracker and Projects are uploaded locally on the LSASD SharePoint site. Keeps spreadsheet on status of the projects.

RSL runs the Regional Science Community of Practice. Monthly meeting to exchange information with the Programs throughout the year in preparation for RARE solicitations.

RSLs assist with Lead Region Coordination. Next FY we have Water for 2 years. RSL participates to assist with representing Regions on science.

Other duties: workgroups (Biofuels report for Congress...), State assistance (Pesticide wet cake issue with ethanol plants), Set up Webinars, be familiar with Research that ORD is doing in our Region..., tons of data calls from ORD.

#### Options for Transition:

- Talent Hub: Set up a series of 90 day rotations (similar to front office). Temporary promotions not applicable since Chris would still be in the lead.
- Considering Phased retirement. Makes the best sense with overlap. Chris to check with Carla Smocks.

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